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Chief, FBIB

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Press Quoting U. S. Government Radio Monitors as Source of Information

Attached hereto copy of message to Chief, FBIB, from the Chief, FBIB London Bureau.

1. The broadcast mentioned in the attached message was monitored by BBC at 8:36 a.m. EST.
2. The item was received in FBIB Headquarters, Washington, via Western Union in two "takes"; the first at 8:37 a.m. EST and the second at 9:15 a.m. EST.
3. At approximately 8:45 a.m. EST, the information in the first "take" was phoned to Mr. Luther Reid, of Press Relations, Department of State.
4. At 9:00 a.m. EST, this first "take" was put on the "B" Wire, labeled "Restricted" in conformity with FBIB practice with respect to press intercepts (ATA, Albanian Press Service, in English Morse).
5. At 9:00 a.m., a copy of this "B" Wire item was handed to Mr. Reid's secretary, who had called at the FBIB offices to pick it up.
6. At 11:13 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time (10:13 a.m. EST) an item apparently based on this intercept appeared on the Washington News Service ticker of the Associated Press.
7. At 9:47 a.m. EST, a similar item, according to the attached message, appeared on Reuters' London ticker.
8. The second "take" of the original item was received via Western Union at FBIB Headquarters, Washington, at 9:15 a.m. EST, and put on the "B" Wire at 10:00 a.m. EST. It was also delivered to Mr. Reid's secretary at approximately 1:00 p.m. EST.

It should be noted that in this message, as well as in an article based on this same information which appeared in the Washington Evening Star on 1 July, the source of this information is quoted as being "United States Government Radio Monitors." Mr. Reid has been cautioned that he must not under any circumstances quote the FBIB Wire Service as his source. No objection has been made to his using the term "Government Radio Monitors." If there is such an objection, it is requested that this office be so advised in order that proper precautions may be taken in the future.

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Attachment

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